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AOTF Research Resources



Greeting Research Resource Colleagues!

Last fall, AOTF introduced our research priorities for the coming years. These priorities were based on a comprehensive examination of the research agendas of federal agencies and major foundations, the input of the AOTF Scientific Advisory Council, and the urgent areas of need for evidence in occupational therapy practice that have been identified by AOTA and NBCOT. In the coming year, you will learn more about each of these research priority areas, available resources, and the people that are doing good work to advance the science of occupational therapy.

- Safety and injury prevention in home, clinical and community settings
- Health behaviors to prevent and manage chronic conditions
- Functional cognition
- Technology and environmental supports in home and community
- Development and transitions for individuals and families

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Safety and injury prevention in home, clinical and community settings is examined in this issue of *Research Resources*. This topic is relevant to all populations served by occupational therapy and across all practice settings. Accidental falls, patient safety errors, violence, concussions, and work and recreation injuries contribute to extraordinary health care costs. Advances in the science of occupational therapy are needed to improve surveillance, measures, and interventions for this area.

[Federal agencies, resources](#) and [peer-reviewed publications](#), and [evidence-based interventions](#) for fall prevention are shared to assist researchers, educators, and practitioners who want to contribute to safety and injury goals and initiatives.

In the 2016 issues of *Research Resources*, we will share information and resources on our research priorities, update you on our conference events, and alert you to opportunities that advance the science of occupational therapy to support people's full participation in meaningful life activities.

Best,



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OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health

OTJR, published quarterly by AOTF, offers original peer-reviewed research articles of professional interest to the practicing OT with a focus on occupation and fostering interdisciplinary research. *OTJR* is now indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed. To download current, past and future *OTJR* articles -- see the [OTJR website](#).

Online First

Quality and Reporting of Cluster Randomized Controlled Trials Evaluating Occupational Therapy Interventions: A Systematic Review

Ema Tokolahi, Clare Hocking, Paula Kersten, and Alain C. Vandal

Understanding Family Interaction Patterns in Families With Alzheimer's Disease

Patricia Schaber, Kate Blair, Ellen Jost, Molly Schaffer, and Emily Thurner

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Federal Agencies with Safety and Injury Prevention Resources

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

- [Quality and Patient Safety](#)

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

- [National Occupational Research Agenda \(NORA\) and Research to Practice \(r2p\)](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [STEADI Older Adult Fall Prevention Free Online Training for Providers](#)
- [Compendium of Effective Fall Interventions: What Works for Community-Dwelling Older Adults, 3rd Edition](#)
- [Preventing Falls: A Guide to Implementing Effective Community-Based Fall Prevention Programs](#)
- [CDC Injury Research Agenda: 2009-2018](#)
- [Injury Center Funding Opportunity Announcements \(FOAs\)](#)

Veterans Affairs

- [A National Center for Patient Safety](#)

Other Resources with Safety and Injury Prevention Resources

World Health Organization

- [WHO Global Report on Falls Prevention in Older Age](#)

American Geriatrics Society

- [Summary of AGS/BGS Recommendations](#)
- Summary of the updated American Geriatrics Society/British Geriatrics Society clinical practice guideline for prevention of falls in older persons. (2011). *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 59(1), 148-157 10p. doi:10.1111/j.1532-5415.2010.03234.x

National Council on Aging

- [2015 Falls Free National Action Plan](#)

National Quality Measures Clearinghouse

- [Falls Prevention Measures](#)

National Guidelines Clearinghouse

- [Falls Prevention Guidelines](#)

National Institutes of Health

- [NIH Senior Health: Falls and Older Adults](#)
- [National Institute on Aging: Falls and Fractures](#)
- [National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases: Preventing Falls and Related Fractures](#)

Evidence-Based Interventions for Fall Prevention that Feature Occupational Therapy

[The CDC's Compendium of Effective Fall Interventions: What Works for Community-Dwelling Older Adults, 3rd Edition](#) features occupational therapy in many of the interventions that are profiled. The following interventions include descriptions of occupational therapy programs or are provided by an occupational therapy practitioner.

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- **The VIP Trial** Campbell, et al. (2005) Campbell, AJ, Robertson, MC, La Grow, SJ, Kerse, NM, Sanderson, GF, Jacobs, RJ, Sharp, DM & Hale LA. (2005). [Randomised controlled trial of prevention of falls in people aged > or =75 with severe visual impairment: the VIP trial](#). *BMJ: British Medical Journal*, 331(7520):817.
- **Home Visits by an Occupational Therapist** Cumming, RG, Thomas, M, Szonyi, G, Salkeld, G, O'Neill, E., Westbury, C & Frampton, G. (1999). [Home visits by an occupational therapist for assessment and modification of environmental hazards: A randomized trial of falls prevention](#). *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 47, (12), 1397-1402.
- **Falls-HIT (Home Intervention Team) Program** Nikolaus, T & Bach, M. (2003). [Preventing falls in community-dwelling frail older people using a home intervention team \(HIT\): results from the randomized Falls-HIT trial](#). *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 51, 300-305.
- **Home Assessment and Modification** Pighills, AC, Torgerson, DJ, Sheldon, TA, Drummond, E & Bland, JM. (2011). [Environmental assessment and modification to prevent falls in older people](#). *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 59, (1), 26-33.
- **Stepping On** Clemson, L, Cumming, RG, Kendig, H, Swann, M, Heard, R & Taylor, K. (2004). The effectiveness of a community-based program for reducing the incidence of falls among the elderly: A randomized trial. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 52, 1487-1494.

Clemson, L & Swann, M. (2007). *Stepping On: Building confidence and reducing falls* (2nd ed.). Sydney, Australia: University of Sydney Press. (Available from Freiberg Press, Cedar Falls, IA)
- **PROFET (Prevention of Falls in the Elderly Trial)** Close, J, Ellis, M, Hooper, R, Glucksman, E, Jackson, S & Swift C. (1999). [Prevention of falls in the elderly trial \(PROFET\): a randomised controlled trial](#). *Lancet*, 353(9147):93-97.
- **Accident & Emergency Fallers** Davison, J, Bond, J, Dawson, P, Steen, IN & Kenny RA. (2005). [Patients with recurrent falls attending Accident & Emergency benefit from multifactorial intervention--a randomised controlled trial](#). *Age and Ageing*, 34, 162-168.
- **Falls Team Prevention Program** Logan, PA, Coupland, CA, Gladman, JR, Sahota, O, Stoner-Hobbs, V, Robertson, K, Tomlinson, V, Ward, M, Sach, T & Avery AJ. (2010 May 11). [Community falls prevention for people who call an emergency ambulance after a fall: randomised controlled trial](#). *BMJ: British Medical Journal*, 340: c2102. doi: 10.1136/bmj.c2102.
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2868162/>
- **Nijmegen Falls Prevention Program (NFPP) for adults with Osteoporosis** Smulders, E, Weerdesteyn, V, Groen, BE, Duysens, J, Eijbsbouts, A, Laan, R & van Lankveld, W. (2010). [Efficacy of a short multidisciplinary falls prevention program for elderly persons with osteoporosis and a fall history: a randomized controlled trial](#). *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 91, 1705-1711.
- **The Winchester Falls Project** Spice, CL, Morotti, W, George, S, Dent, TH, Rose, J, Harris, S & Gordon, CJ. (2009). [The Winchester falls project: a randomised controlled trial of secondary prevention of falls in older people](#). *Age and Ageing*, 38, 33-40.

Resources on Falls Prevention

AOTA Resources:

Falls Prevention

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- Di Monaco, M, De Toma, E, Gardin, L, Giordano, S, Castiglioni, C & Vallero, F. (2015). [A single postdischarge telephone call by an occupational therapist does not reduce the risk of falling in women after hip fracture: a randomized controlled trial](#). *European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*, 51, 15-22.
- Finlayson, ML, Peterson, EW & Asano, M. (2014). [A cross-sectional study examining multiple mobility device use and fall status among middle-aged and older adults with multiple sclerosis](#). *Disability and Rehabilitation. Assistive Technology*. 9, 12-16.
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Grants and Funding Opportunities

The Disability Research and Dissemination Center (DRDC)

[DRDC](#), in coordination with the [National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities \(NCBDDD\)](#) at the CDC, is pleased to announce the [availability of new grant opportunities](#). The deadline for submission is March 1, 2016.

- RFA - R16 - 01 - EHDI Parents (Pilot) *Improving the Coordination and Documentation of Enrollment Into Early Intervention for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children through Parent Empowerment*
- RFA - R16 - 02 - EHDI Using EHDI to Assess Outcomes *Using Existing Early Intervention Data to Assess Outcomes Among Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children*
- RFA - R16 - 03 - Improving Identification of Tics and Other Conditions in Children *Improving the Identification of Tics, Tic Disorders and Co-Occurring Conditions in Children*

RWJF Innovative Research on Policies to Improve Health and Well-Being

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is launching its [first call for proposals for innovative research](#) that can inform what policies can serve as levers to improve population health and well-being, and achieve greater levels of health equity. Approximately \$1.5 million will be awarded, each grant will award up to \$250,000 for a maximum funding of 24 months.

- Informational webinar with Scott Burris, JD, director of Policies for Action, February 16, 2016, 1-2:00 p.m.
- Letter of Intent deadline: March 15, 2016

The Disability Determination Process (DDP) Small Grant Program

[The DDP Small Grant Program](#) is a one-year stipend program (\$10,000) that allows graduate students, both full and part-time, to conduct supervised independent research on improving the efficiency and reducing the complexity of disability determination processes. Application deadline: March 1, 2016.

Doctoral, Post-Doctoral and Research Training Opportunities

Postdoctoral Training Opportunity in Translational and Community-Engaged Scholarship to Improve Community Living and Participation of People with Disabilities

The Department of Occupational Therapy at the University of Illinois at Chicago is inviting applications from qualified candidates in any relevant discipline for postdoctoral research training experiences in research to improve community living and participation outcomes for persons with disabilities. This interdisciplinary postdoctoral program emphasizes preparing scholars to conduct research that has real world impact (i.e., guiding and changing services, programs, organizations and policies that affect persons with disabilities).

For fullest consideration, applications must be submitted by January 29, 2016. Applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. For more information, contact [Dr. Joy Hammel](#).

Postdoctoral Training Opportunity: Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab (CPERL)

[The Children's Participation in Environment Research Lab](#) (CPERL) at the University of Illinois at Chicago is recruiting a [full-time postdoctoral trainee](#). The focus of the training experience will be technology-based research in early childhood disability. All inquiries about this opportunity can be directed to [Dr. Mary Khetani](#).

USC's PhD Program in Occupational Science

The Musculoskeletal Sonography and Occupational Performance (MSOP) Laboratory in the [Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy](#) at the University of Southern California (USC) is seeking a qualified individual interested in completing a PhD in Occupational Science. The USC MSOP is currently conducting a CDC-funded study (R01-OH010665) and other research that aims to enhance the assessment, workplace prevention and clinical rehabilitation of upper extremity musculoskeletal disorders using sonographic imaging, ergonomics, mind-body interventions and other techniques.

Individuals interested in a position in the USC MSOP Lab should submit a CV and letter of interest to Assistant Professor [Dr. Shawn Roll](#). Individuals interested in learning more about the PhD program or other PhD student openings should contact Director of Admissions [Dr. Liz Carley](#).

PhD Program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University

The Child & Adolescent Health, Rehabilitation, & Evaluation (CAHRE) Lab at The Ohio State University is seeking exceptional, experienced pediatric occupational therapists that are interested in completing a PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. They are currently conducting two NIH-funded RCTs of Pediatric Constraint-Induced Movement Therapy (PCIMT; R01-HD0683 & R01-HD074574) and are looking for pediatric practitioners. Students are fully funded and receive: 1) tuition, 2) stipend, and 3) health insurance. Interested therapists should submit a CV and letter of interest to Drs. [Andrew Persch](#) or [Amy Darragh](#).

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AOTF Events at the 2016 AOTA Conference Chicago, Illinois

For registration information, see the [AOTA website](#).

Wednesday, April 6

Institute 003: Large Data and Data Sharing Research: Issues, Methods and Opportunities (AOTF/AOTA) 12:00-6:30 p.m.

This institute will provide an overview of research studies that may be conducted using Medicare claims and other large datasets in the context of post-acute care settings. Topics include the availability of large datasets for disability, rehabilitation, and occupational therapy research and new federal initiatives related to data sharing. The newly NIH-funded Center for Large Data Research and Data Sharing in Rehabilitation will be introduced along with the services that are provided by the center, including pilot projects mechanisms, the visiting scholar program, and the technical assistance related to large data analytics.

Chicago From All Sides: Bus and Walking Tour of Chicago 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Tour include the University of Chicago campus, Chicago Women's Park and Gardens, and OT historical sites. Includes lunch.

Thursday, April 7

WS 102. National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) and Department of Defense Grant Funding (AOTA/AOTF) 8:30-11:30 a.m.

This session describes the goals and research portfolios of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) and the Department of Defense (DoD). NIDILRR's new federal

home and changes in organizational structure will be explained.

Friday, April 8

Breakfast with a Scholar 7:00-9:30 a.m. *NEW TIME*

Still Alice: Understanding Alzheimer's

Lisa Genova, PhD, bestselling author of *Still Alice* and neuroscientist, will relate what she learned studying Alzheimer's disease (AD) -- that the language around it needs to focus on LIVING with it rather than dying, that people with AD shouldn't have to cope with being lonely, and how to connect to people with AD. Dr. Genova will be signing her books immediately following the event; there will be copies available for purchase.

State of the Science Symposium 2:00-4:30 p.m.

25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Joy Hammel, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, and Diane Smith, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, will address our current knowledge on the factors that influence participation, recent advances, areas of certainty and uncertainty, gaps in our knowledge, and best practice.

Gala 8:00-11:00 p.m.

Something for Everyone

This year's gala will have music to dance to, space to reunite with old friends, and food and drink to enjoy.

Saturday, April 9

Session 302 IRG AOTF Intervention Research Grants: An Overview of Priorities and Process 8:00-9:30 a.m.

This session will provide an overview of the AOTF Intervention Research Grants program which has received major funding from AOTA, NBCOT, and the St. Catherine Challenge. Research priorities, objectives, eligibility criteria, and application process will be reviewed. Information on successful proposals will be highlighted. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Session 342 Advancing the Science of Occupational Therapy: Overview of Emerging Research Priorities 2:00-3:30 p.m.

This session will provide an overview of the research priorities that AOTF has identified as important to advancing the science of occupational therapy and addressing societal issues. Background information and funding opportunities will be described for each priority area.

News and Other Resources

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Announcements

On February 1st, [PCORI posted five funding announcements](#) for Cycle 1 of 2016.

- Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research - Cycle 1 2016
- Communication and Dissemination Research - Cycle 1 2016
- Improving Healthcare Systems - Cycle 1 2016
- Addressing Disparities - Cycle 1 2016
- Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options - Cycle 1 2016
- Limited PCORI Funding Announcement: Dissemination and Implementation of PCORI Funded Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Results and Products in Real World Settings - Cycle 1 2016

Request for Comment on New and Revised Methodology Standards

[PCORI seeks public comment](#) on proposed changes in their methodology standards. The deadline for submitting comments is March 28, 2016 at 5 pm ET.

White House Conference on Aging: [2015 Final Report](#)

The White House released its final report from the July 2015 Conference on Aging.

Assessing the Impact of Applications of Digital Health Records (DHRs) on Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Research: Workshop Summary

On July 20, 2015, the IOM's Forum on Neuroscience and Nervous System Disorders held a public session at the 2015 Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Washington, DC, to explore how DHRs may be used to help improve clinical trial design and methodology for AD research. While there are a number of potential uses of DHRs, speakers discussed some of the currently available DHR databases that are being mined to better understand the progression of AD and design more effective clinical trials. [Click here to read workshop summary.](#)

Free Webinars on TBI and Psychological Health

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) hosts free monthly webinars on topics related to psychological health and TBI. See their [website](#) for more information and an archive of past webinar. Next webinar: Concussion and Winter Sports. February 11 1:00-2:30 p.m. (ET)

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Conferences and Calls for Papers

ATIA (Assistive Technology Industry Association) Conference (February 4-6, 2016, Orlando, Florida)

[The ATIA conference](#) is the largest international conference showcasing assistive technology tools and services. Attendees hear from the biggest names in AT about the latest trends and methods, as well as view state-of-the-art AT tools and services in the exhibit hall.

International Stroke Conference (February 17-19, 2016, Los Angeles, California)

[Presentations in 21 categories](#) emphasizing basic, clinical and translational sciences as they evolve toward a more complete understanding of stroke pathophysiology.

AOTA's 96th Annual Conference & Expo (April 7-10, 2016, Chicago, Illinois)

[The AOTA Annual Conference](#) provides attendees with opportunities for dialogue through general sessions, workshops, networking and peer to peer connections. Leaders exchange information and ideas, provide input on AOTA initiatives and advocacy and policy agenda items.

Council for Exceptional Children (April 13-16, 2016, St. Louis, Missouri)

[Special Education Exhibition and Expo](#)

Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference (April 19-22, 2016, Banff Alberta)

[The CAOT conference](#) will celebrate the leadership role that occupational therapy and occupational science

contributes to realizing peak performance and mastering the occupations of everyday living.

The Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity (April 25-26, 2016, Honolulu, Hawaii)

[The Pac Rim conference](#) is in its 32nd year; it is one of the largest in the country for diversity and disability. This year the theme will be "From the Margins to the Center".

International Biophilia Society (IBRA)

IBRA advances research in rehabilitation medicine. The term "biophilia" represents people's regaining body function with activating works of the brain by the latent powers which we have in the brain.

- [BIOPHILIA Workshop Academy](#) 2016 (April 27-28, 2016, Tokyo, Japan) is an international forum for advances in rehabilitation medicine that may lead to functional recovery. [To present your paper or join](#) the RCT study.
- [IBRA Conference](#) (July 18-19, 2016, Geneva, Switzerland)

WCNR 2016: 9th World Congress for NeuroRehabilitation (May 10-13, 2016, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

[From Science to Society](#), the theme that has been chosen for this Congress, will cover both inspiring innovations in neurorehabilitation and their societal impacts.

Society for Disability Studies (June 8-11, 2016, Phoenix, Arizona)

[Theme: Disability in the Public Sphere.](#)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (July 6-9, 2016, Denver, Colorado)

[The national NAMI conference](#) will feature researchers and clinicians providing information and tools to advance and sustain recovery from mental illness as well as people living with a mental illness and their families with their own important perspectives on recovery.

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North American (RESNA) Annual Conference (July 10-14, 2016, Arlington, Virginia)

[The theme of this year's conference](#) is: Promoting Access to Assistive Technology

Call for Papers Deadline: February 17, 2016.

Alzheimer's Association International Congress (AAIC) (July 22-28, 2016, Toronto, Ontario)

[This conference](#) will bring together international investigators, clinicians and care providers to share the latest study results, theories and discoveries in dementia science. There will be a track focused on evidence-based approaches to dementia care.

Developing topic submission deadline: April 18, 2016.

International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP). (September 18-22, 2016. Calgary, Alberta)

[Conference theme:](#) Fighting Stigma, Promoting Resiliency and Positive Mental Health.

Abstract Submission deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

World Bank Group and the World Health Organization (April 2016, Washington, DC)

Theme: [Out of the Shadows - Making Mental Health a Global Development Priority.](#)

5th Annual Summer Research Institute: Basic and Advanced Behavioral Intervention Research (June 6-8, 2016 and June 9-10, 2016, Baltimore, Maryland)

Apply Today at nursing.jhu.edu/aginginstitute. Early Bird Special, Scholarships, and Fellowships are available.

Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) (July 24-27, 2016, Toronto)
[A Global Forum to Advance Dementia Science](#)

Society for the Study of Occupation/Canadian Society of Occupational Scientists
(September 28-October 1, 2016, Portland, Maine)
[Navigating the Seas of Change: Diversity of Occupation](#)
Call for Papers/Abstract Proposals deadline: March 4, 2016

American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual conference (October 29-November 2, 2016, Denver, Colorado)

[The theme of this year's conference](#) is: Creating the Healthiest Nation: Ensuring the Right to Health.
Abstract Deadline: February 9-20, 2016.

The Disability Section of the APHA is awarding up to six \$1000 Career Enhancement Scholarships. All graduate students focusing their studies on disability and health at universities in the U.S., including students involved in the work of CDC's NCBDDD's programs and initiatives, State Disability and Health grantees, LEND, UCEDD and IDDRRC students, AUCD Network Trainees, disability studies students, health professional students, etc. Applicants must be enrolled during the fall 2016 semester and are eligible to receive the scholarship once.

[Apply by submitting an abstract](#) to present at the APHA/ Abstracts are due February 25, 2016.

ACRM Annual Conference (October 30, 2016-November 4, 2016, Chicago, Illinois)

The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's 93rd Annual Conference is Progress in Rehabilitation Research: Translation to Clinical Practice.

[Proposal submission deadlines:](#)

- Pre-Conference Instructional Courses February 16, 2016
- Symposia February 16, 2016
- Scientific Papers & Posters February 22, 2016

American College of Rheumatology Annual Conference (November 11-16, 2016, Washington, DC)

[For more information.](#)

Society for Neuroscience Annual Conference (November 12-16, 2016, San Diego, California)

[For more information.](#) Abstract Submission: April 14-May 5, 2016.

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